

REMARKS

Claims 2 to 18 were pending in the application. Claims 19-33 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Thus, claims 2 to 33 are pending for reconsideration at this time.

Allowance Of Claims 2 to 13

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 2 to 13. As no changes have been made to claims 2 to 13 by way of this Amendment & Reply, these claims are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

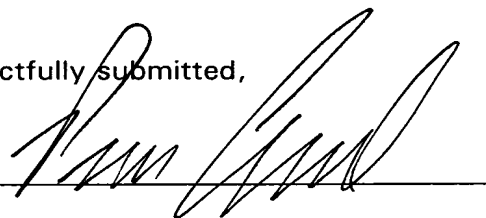
Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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